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Dear Messrs. Day and Nord:

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OPERABLE UNIT WORK PLANS: 100-HR-01, 100-HR-03, AND 100-DR-01

In accordance with the agreement resulting from the meeting held on September 25, 1990, the subject draft work plans are being transmitted to Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) and U. S. Environmental Protection Agency for review, with the understanding that the documents will not proceed with public comment and regulatory approval. The Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (DOE-RL) does not endorse the scope of work as presented in the plans because of the resulting high costs. Recent cost estimates put the investigation only expense for these plans at approximately \$112,000,000 (in today s dollars). Therefore, DOE-RL transmits these documents only for the purposes of review by the regulatory agencies for incorporation of their comments, and for future review of the forthcoming list of activities DOE-RL proposes to formulate into an "Aggregate Area Management Study" (AAMS). As agreed to in the aforementioned meeting, activities proposed for the AAMS will be presented in the October 17, 1990, Operable Unit Manager's Meeting.

DOE-RL has initiated activities to identify, and correct, the causes for such high costs for past practice investigations. The assessment will include the scope of work and the cost of performing work at Hanford.

We very much appreciate Ecology's cooperation in managing the approval cycle of this work plan in a manner that will let the DOE identify and address factors that make the investigations prohibitively expensive. In doing so, a work plan will hopefully result that all the party's can stand behind.





If you should have any questions or comments, please contact Mr. K. M. Thompson, of my staff, on (509) 376-7167.

Sincerely,

Hanford Project Manager

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Enclosures: As Stated (Ecology, 6 copies each plan) (EPA, 2 copies each plan)

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